

REMARKS

The present application is a Rule 53(b) divisional application of parent application Serial No. 10/045,490, filed January 11, 2002. This divisional application is being filed to pursue the subject matter of claims 2-4, 7 and 8 corresponding to the species of the invention designated as Species B in the parent application.

By the present amendment, original claim 2 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of base claim 1. Claims 2-4, 7 and 8 have also been amended in formal respects to improve the wording and to bring them into better conformance with U.S. practice. Claims 1 and 5-6 have been canceled. New claims 9-20 have been added to provide a fuller scope of coverage. The revisions to the specification made in the parent application have been resubmitted herein. The specification has been further revised to provide a cross-reference to the parent application. A new abstract which more clearly reflects the invention to which the amended and new claims are directed has been substituted for the original abstract.

Early and favorable action on the merits are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A bush cutting machine has an operation rod, a cutter blade mounted to the front end of the operation rod for undergoing rotation, and a prime mover mounted to the rear end of the operation rod for rotationally driving the cutter blade. A throttle lever is pivotally mounted with respect to the operation rod for controlling an opening degree of a throttle valve of the prime mover to adjust a rotational speed of the cutter blade. A brake unit stops rotation of the cutter blade. A link mechanism is disposed in close proximity to the prime mover and is actuated by operation of the throttle lever to adjust the degree of opening of the throttle valve of the prime mover and to release the brake unit from a braking condition.